

I am very displeased with the move to allow further consolidation of media companies. In our market, Media General owns the only newspaper and has expressed their desire to buy a television station. To think that the political views of the company won't affect the content of the news is naive. Our newspaper most definitely espouses certain political views, and the prospect of this editorial control spreading more pervasively through our media sources is frightening. This does NOT follow democratic principles, and reminds me of the media control seen in communist or dictatorial governments.

I can understand that it would be more efficient to have fewer reporters obtaining the news and sharing it with the various newspaper and TV stations, but this could be done with sharing agreements allowing reporters to give the hard news to several outlets. Sharing ownership and editorial decision-making is a terrible idea.